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SUBJECT U.S. INTERMEDIARY ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN FAMILY  
PLANNING PROGRAMS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MEET WITH MRS. SARLA GREWAL- ADDITIONAL SECRETARY FOR FAMILY PLANNING, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING TO DISCUSS LIST OF INTERMEDIARY ACTIVITIES IN INDIA SPONSORED BY AID WHICH WAS FURNISHED TO HER ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO REFTEL A. MRS. GREWAL HAD JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM HER DEPUTY ON THE LIST THAT SAME DAY AND HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW THE REPORT AND MAKE ANY DETERMINATIONS. SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD BE LEAVING IN A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR NEWYORK TO ATTEND A U,N. MEETING ON POPULATION AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT GIVE US ANY OFFICIAL OPINIONS UNTIL SHE RETURNED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

2. DURING THE MEETING EMBASSY OFFICERS BROUGHT UP PIEGO WITH MRS. GREWAL BEFORE RECIEIVING REFTEL B. MRS. GREWAL REITERATED THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH A PIEGO OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS THE OVERALL SITUATION CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF LAPRASCOPES BUT SHE WAS NOT INCLINED TO APPROVE THE VISIT OF A TECHNICAL TEAM TO TRAIN INDIAN DOCTORS IN THE USE OF LAPRASCOPES.

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SHE FEELS THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT INDIAN DOCTORS ALREADY TRAINED IN LAPRASCOPY THAT CAN, IN TURN TRAIN OTHER DOCTORS IN THEIR USE.

3. REGARDING THE GENERAL STATE OF FAMILY PLANNING IN INDIA, MRS. GREWAL WAS EXUBERANT THAT INDIA HAD PERFORMED 6.9 MILLION STERILIZATIONS IN THE PAST 9 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31 AND WAS OPTIMIS-

TIC THAT THIS MOMENTUM WOULD BE CONTINUED. SHE INDICATED THAT THE INDIAN FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM NOW COVERED 23.9 MILLION COUPLES, 19 MILLION BY STERILIZATION. MRS. GREWAL MENTIONED THAT INDIA IS NOW TABLETING THEIR OWN CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS OF A LOW ESTROGEN COMPOUND AND HAS THE CAPABILITY OF SUPPLYING THE COUNTRY'S NEED SPURELY FROM INDIGENEOUS MEANS AND WOULD NOT NEED TO IMPORT CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS IN THE FUTURE.

COMMENTS

4. MRS. GREWAL GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE WAS COMPLETELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE INDIAN FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND THE COUNTRY'S CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY IS PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF INDIA'S FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR.

5. IN REGARD TO REFTTEL B- PARA 2 CONCERNING THE VISIT OF PIEGO OFFICIAL TO INDIA, THE LETTER FROM PIEGO SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MRS. SARLA GREWAL- (NOTE SPELLING) ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, NIRMANBHAVAN, NEW DELHI. THE TIMING OF VISIT FOR JANUARY 25-28 IS NOT CONVENIENT SINCE MRS. GREWAL WILL BE AT THE UN IN NEWYORK UNTIL JANUARY 22 AND WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY ON HER IMMEDIATE RETURN TO INDIA. WE SUGGEST THAT VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY. PLEASE SEND COPY OF GREWAL LETTER TO USAID NEW DELHI  
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